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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice

Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 30, 2013, Christopher Wieczorek, Kathleen Ham, Steve Sharkey, Indra Chalk, and Josh Roland of T-Mobile USA, Inc. ("T-Mobile"); Trey Hanbury and Ari Fitzgerald of Hogan Lovells US LLP (representing T-Mobile); and Greg Rosston, Deputy Director, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, and Andrzej Skrzypacz, Theodore J. Kreps Professor of Economics, Stanford Graduate School of Business (both by phone on behalf of T-Mobile), met with John Leibovitz, Sasha Javid, Ruth Milkman, Jessica Almond, Paul Malmud, Blaise Scinto, Jennifer Tomchin (by phone), Margaret Wiener, Martha Stancill and Brett Tarnutzer of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Edward Smith and Gary Epstein of the Incentive Auctions task force; Alan Stillwell of the Office of Engineering and Technology; John Williams and Evan Kwerel of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis; and Bill Lake of the Media Bureau.

The T-Mobile representatives reviewed the attached slide presentation. As described in the presentation, the Commission has identified several specific objectives for the broadcast incentive auction, including:

- adopting a band plan that is clear, useful, efficient, flexible and interoperable;
- adopting forward-auction policies that avoid excessive concentration of spectrum licenses;
- adopting reverse-auction policies that encourage broadcast participation; and
- conducting a timely and successful broadcast incentive auction.

T-Mobile explained that while it strongly supports all of these goals, it recommends modifying the Commission's lead band plan to limit design complexity and reduce the likelihood of interference. T-Mobile also encouraged the Commission to move forward with an auction of the 600 MHz spectrum in 2014.

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Critical to the success of the T-Mobile band plan is the implementation of seven, paired five megahertz blocks of spectrum for a total of thirty-five megahertz each for uplink and downlink use wherever clearing permits. Without a potential 2x35 MHz broadband spectrum opportunity from the broadcast incentive auction, T-Mobile explained that other band plans, including the Commission's lead band plan, may well achieve more benefits with fewer costs, despite the additional design and technical considerations that would need to be addressed.

As detailed in the attached presentation and in comments filed in this proceeding, T-Mobile also recommended certain design changes to the forward and reverse auction to enhance participation, increase revenues, simplify the process, and accelerate the auction. Among other things, T-Mobile reiterated its support for a spectrum cap below 1 GHz to prevent excessive spectrum concentration. By promoting competition and encouraging participation from a wide array of competitors, spectrum caps can increase revenue for the benefit of American taxpayers.

Consistent with section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, please associate this letter with the above-reference docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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